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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-332104 published in Japan on November 30, 2001.

The above prior art, which is in Japanese, is cited in the specification of the above-identified application, and a concise explanation of the relevance of this prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). In addition, an English language abstract is attached to this non-English prior art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of this prior art is omitted herein.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of this relevant art and consider it during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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